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GOVERNMENT WITHIN A GOVERNMENT.

Who is running the government of the Territory of Hawaii, Governor Makino or Governor Frear?

One astonishing feature of the present situation, which we began by calling a strike, and which we do not know what to call just now, is the amazing audacity and tenacity with which the leaders of this present Japanese movement in Hawaii continue to assert domination and the right of domination over all Japanese within this Territory. Every move of the Territorial authorities thus far has been directed against such coercion, and on that very issue and at every turn of it the Japanese leaders have met the Territorial authorities, have defied them and still defy them, and at this writing there is no tangible evidence whatsoever that a single member of the Higher Wage Association, from the leaders down, accepts or proposes to accept the intervention of Territorial authorities to put down the system of coercion and intimidation upon which this society was organized and with which it now maintains that authority. The Territory allowed this society to openly build up this coercive control throughout the Territory, without a protest, for a number of months. Finally, the chief editor of the paper, Mr. Soga, after much hesitation, was indicted for being a disorderly person, under an indictment which charged that his disorderly conduct consisted in the publication of certain incendiary and threatening articles in his newspaper. After an elaborate and exhaustive argument on the law in that case before Judge De Bolt, he confirmed the position of the prosecution and virtually declared that the publication of these articles constituted in itself a breach of the peace.

This case was watched with great eagerness by all Japanese, and it was exploited in all their papers. The significance, force and effect of Judge De Bolt's ruling was clear; no Japanese had any excuse for being in doubt as to the attitude of the court in reference to articles like those in question.

Did that decision of the court affect the onward movement of coercion? Not in the slightest. The Jiji proceeded to publish articles right along in the same style and the organization continued to extend its power and influence and subjugation of the opposition by precisely the same methods as were outlawed by Judge De Bolt's decision and in deliberate defiance and disregard of that decision.

Since that decision numerous arrests have been made, and all the indictments and charges preferred go right direct to the question of intimidation and coercion. What effect has it had? Not the slightest. After the leaders had been indicted and had pleaded to the indictment and the cases were before the court, and after every English newspaper in the Territory had denounced in unmeasured terms the lawless character of this movement, the Jiji pursued and still pursues the even tenor of its way with a supreme disregard for every protest from the body politic, whether through the courts, through the police authorities or through public sentiment at large.

For example, here, on the 21st of June (five days ago), the Jiji, through correspondents from Kohala, names a certain Japanese doctor—Dr. Ninomiya—as a traitor, and publicly announces that "we intend to drive him away from Kohala."

On that same day also the Jiji announces that a certain man, by the name of Nakashima, in attempting to return to work at Waipahu, was interrogated by others (evidently Higher Wage Association leaders), whereupon Mr. Bull, the plantation manager, notified them that anyone attempting to obstruct laborers coming into the camp would be arrested, and what does the Jiji correspondent say about it, with the manifest approval of the Jiji?—"That we are not the men to get easily frightened by such foolish intimidation," etc.

It is clear that the leaders of the Higher Wage Association are certainly doing their best to run a government within the government of the Territory of Hawaii, which claims domination and control over all Japanese in this Territory to the exclusion of their allegiance as aliens to the Territory that is giving them and their property the protection of law and order.

We are informed that Messrs. Makino and Negoro yesterday waited upon the Governor to enter a protest against the impudent butting-in of the police authorities and their outrageous interference with their campaign of peace and progress. This precious pair of Mollie Maguires, it seems, during their call, extended to the Governor the assurance of their highest consideration and of their earnest desire to keep the peace and preserve tranquility. Mr. Negoro is a paid editor of the Nippon Jiji, which named Dr. Ninomiya of Kohala, five days ago, for local extradition by the peaceful and orderly adherents of the Higher Wage Association, and who named and assailed Nakashima, of Waipahu, at the same time, notwithstanding the "foolish intimidation" of Manager Bull contained in the suggestion that there was law left in the land against the intimidation and coercion of his laborers.

The quotations above referred to by the Jiji are as follows:

"Among the followers of Traitor Kamimori Hichizo (or Uemori Hichizo) there is a man by the name of Nakashima, who has been working at Waipahu as a section hand. . . . during the present strike it became apparent that he was acting against the general tide, caring only for his own position. This made everybody watch him, and warning was given to watch him. As was expected, he has been enticed by Kamimori and others who are traitors. He tried to come into the camp in the evening, three days ago, when he was questioned by others who were there. Whereupon the manager, Mr. Bull, took the trouble to call upon a certain person and tell him that he would have him placed under arrest if he tried to obstruct laborers from coming into the camp. We are not the men who can be easily frightened at such a foolish intimidation. We dare to spit in the face of the wretches who tread humanity down and act against their own countrymen."

Correspondence from Kohala, published Monday, under the head of "Indignation of the Kohala Laborers," says:

"We hear that Dr. Ninomiya, who is a traitor, while he carries the candle for the planters' dog paper, has made it known to every camp that he sent some money in support of the strikers and that he sent it to the Higher Wage Association in Honolulu. But we think it doubtful that he sent any money, as he is a man who has been siding with the traitors. He is one who tried to hinder the laborers from collecting money in support of the strikers. That he sent some money secretly to the strikers seems to us clearly false. Therefore, as it is to the disadvantage of the strikers and to all Japanese to have a traitor like Ninomiya in Kohala, WE INTEND TO DRIVE HIM AWAY FROM KOHALA."

TERRITORY VS. COUNTY LEGAL DEPARTMENTS.

Might we ask the Star when the legal department of the Territory ever rendered services to the government that tied one of its principal branches up for weeks and made the ones receiving the services as ridiculous as the Republican Supervisors appeared after the Supreme Court got through with them in their dispute with Mayor Fern?—Advertiser.

Certainly you may. The legal department of the Territory rendered services a few weeks ago, during the session of the Legislature, that tied up, not merely one of the principal branches, but all of the branches of the Territorial government. It passed along a purchasing agents' act so defective that the Legislature started amending it before the ink was dry on the gubernatorial signature making it law. The best of lawyers make mistakes.—Star.

Attorney-General Hemenway drafted, at the request of Senator Fairchild, the Purchasing Agent bill in question. He put the bill, along the lines laid out for him, into legal shape, but did not pass, nor was he asked to pass, on the advisability of enacting such a bill into law. The drafting was correctly done, the bill was passed, and the object which it sought was accomplished. Not only was it accomplished, but the accomplishment far outlasted desire. Hence the hurry to repeal. If the Attorney-General had bungled there would have been no necessity for any repeal. The passage of that act, however, did not tie up one single department or any part of a department of the government. As a result of the Attorney-General's work, there were no men dawdling about in the Capitol corridor, drawing public pay; there were no men barricaded in the government stables and others outside holding the stables in a state of siege, both parties under public pay; there was no suspension of necessary public work; no expensive department with stock in idleness, eating their heads off at public expense; no silly blocking of business in the halls of the Legislature, as there

was in the session chamber of the Supervisors. The difference is, that the Legislators rather made monkeys of themselves over the Purchasing Agent bill, while the Supervisors let themselves be made monkeys of. Another difference is, that the Legislators knew enough to set themselves right, while the Supervisors seem to be afraid to. They were boss-lashed into a ridiculous position and can not yet nerve themselves into resenting it.

RESTAURANT AND HOTEL LICENSES.

The statement made in the Bulletin yesterday to the effect that the decision of the License Commissioners to exempt hotels from the rule laid down by them in regard to no Sunday privileges for restaurants was arrived at "after a short recess" and was a reversal of the policy adopted prior to that recess, is a deliberate misstatement of the facts. As a matter of fact, the whole story as published by that paper is composed of misstatements and half truths clumsily strung together in an effort to put the Commissioners in a bad light.

The Commissioners decided to refuse Sunday privileges to all restaurant applicants. The question of allowing them to or refusing them to hotels is yet an open question, to be decided on Monday. By many it is regarded as unfair that the hotels should have these privileges while they are refused to the restaurants. These will have a chance to be heard on Monday, as well as those who favor the granting of the privileges. It is also probable that the restaurant applicants for Sunday privileges will be allowed an opportunity for moving the reopening of their question.

The matter of allowing the privileges to hotels, abridged so that drinks shall be served on Sundays only with meals, was discussed. It has not been announced as a policy of the Board. It may be on Monday, and again it may not. We are informed by a member of the Commission that the question is yet an open one.

So far as taking exception to the executive sessions of the Board is concerned, the objections raised are puerile. The Commissioners are sitting in the capacity of judges on the fitness of the applicants for the privileges asked. As well insist on a judge being required to remain out of his chambers and do his thinking out loud for the public's benefit as to insist that the deciding councils of the Board should be public ones.

The Bulletin states that many would like to know "what pressure was brought to bear" to make the Board do something that it did not do. Unfortunately for the Bulletin, a good many people know "what pressure was brought to bear" when there was a sudden switch in its parody of an editorial column on the temperance question as affected by the late lamented Liquor Bill.

WORK HERE FOR SKILLED MECHANICS

Some extensive railroad work is being planned by the O. R. & L. in the extension of their two branches through the new Wahiawa country, between the Kipapa and Waikakalana gulches, in readiness for the pineapple crop transportation. This work is being delayed at the present time, however, owing to the scarcity of skilled mechanics for bridge work. The railroad spurs will require several bridges, the longest to be over four hundred feet, and there is immediate work to be had for a dozen good bridgemen and ship carpenters.

These are not the only skilled mechanics for whom there is a demand in Honolulu at present. The amount of building around town has called for more good carpenters than are available, and some contractors have had to send to the Coast for men in order to handle their contracts within the specified time. Plasterers are also scarce, and Coast men have also had to be sent for, for this work, as well as concrete mixers.

It begins to look as if there would be a big increase in the white artisan population of the island very shortly, with the Pearl Harbor work, the Leilehua barracks work and the amount of building going on and planned around the city.

HAWAIIANS PROTEST AGAINST SALOON

Two Hawaiians, delegates from the Hawaiians of Heeia, appeared before the Board of License Commissioners at their meeting on Thursday to appeal against the issuance of a liquor license to a Chinese applicant, named Ah Choa, asking "that the Hawaiian wives and children might have food to eat and clothes to wear and the money

of the men might not be spent for liquor." This is the first time in the history of the License Board that Hawaiians have gone to the trouble of preparing a petition against the granting of a saloon license or traveled so far as the two delegates did to present it.

The application was held over, the members of the Board deciding to go to Heeia today to hold a public hearing concerning it. Unless it can be shown that there is some factional feeling or spite work back of the petition to refuse, the license will not be granted.

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